

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, since the beginning of the crime victims' rights movement, partnerships have formed among criminal and juvenile justice agencies, allied professionals, victim services, and the private sector to ensure that crime victims are treated with the dignity, respect, and help they deserve; and

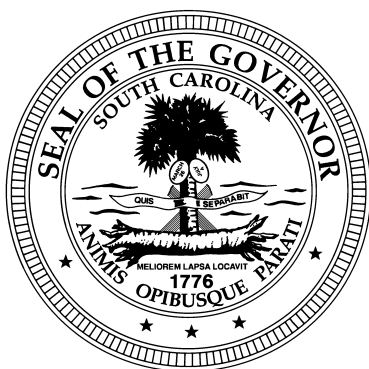
WHEREAS, victim assistance organizations and crime victim advocates throughout South Carolina and the nation are dedicated to providing assistance, support, and comfort to victims and to ensuring that their rights are protected; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "Victims' Rights: Strength in Unity," calls attention to the power gained by individuals, neighborhoods, and communities across our state and nation by uniting against crime and for victims' rights and services.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 23 - 29, 2006, as

CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join together in remembering our victims of crime, in celebrating criminal justice reforms, and in envisioning a future free from violence.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA